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LA NEEDS JOBS!



An Effective Jobs Program for Los Angeles is Past Due! Here's What Must be Done

Dick Platkin

THE CITY-It might be good news that Los Angeles City Council President, Herb Wesson, has appointed a special, five member Ad Hoc Committee (City Council Jobs Committee) to develop a jobs program for Los Angeles. The emphasis is on might because the Los Angeles Times has already identified a number of pitfalls that could be expected from this...



The Truth: Why Crime Is Up in Los Angeles

Jack Dunphy

GUEST COMMENTARY-The Los Angeles Times reported this week that crime is on the rise in the City of Angels after a 12-year decline. "Crime surged across Los Angeles in the first six months of this year," the story begins, "despite a campaign by the Los Angeles Police Department to place more officers on the streets and target certain types of..."



How Democrats Mixed Oil and Water ... and Killed the Environmental Bill

Gary Cohn

CAPITAL & MAIN SPECIAL REPORT-Hopes were high among environmentalists when a bill designed to protect California's drinking water was introduced in the state Assembly earlier this year. After all, California has passed some of the most far-reaching environmental laws and regulations in the nation, and the state legislature is dominated by the...



CEQA: California's Environmental Quibbling Act

Paul Taylor

ECOPOLITICS - The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was signed into law by Gov. Ronald Reagan in 1970. CEQA requires extensive study and mitigations (corrections) of environmental impacts for both public and private development projects. This is typically a rather lengthy and costly process, which significantly increases the cost of...



Would the Real Donald ... Trump or Duck ... Please Stand Up

Ken Alpern

POLITICS-What a strange world we live in! As the 20th Century pushes farther and farther into the past (and with its painful lessons increasingly unlearned and forgotten), the era of American values and hegemony similarly are at risk of being unlearned and forgotten. But it's been a long time coming, and it's not due to this one group or that...



California Latinos Now Outnumber Whites ... But Not in the Voting Booth

Fred Mariscal

LATINO PERSPECTIVE-Demographers knew this was going to happen and it finally did, California is now the third state without a white plurality. According to population figures released by the Census Bureau last week, as of July 1st 2014 there were about 14.99 million Latinos living in California surpassing the 14.92 million whites in the state. The...



GM Part of the Problem at DWP

Paul Hatfield

PERSPECTIVE-Anyone can run numbers, including the crowd that passes itself off as management at DWP. Attendees at last week's Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meeting got to listen to Marcie Edwards deliver a dog and pony show about proposed rate increases, owing to the need to replace aging water infrastructure and increase power...



Don't Trust Anyone Who Won't Let You Vote on the Internet

Joe Mathews

CONNECTING CALIFORNIA-They want to make it so much easier for you to vote, say California's leaders. It's hard to believe them. Then why do their suggestions double down on methods of voting that actually constitute barriers to voting? Instead of eliminating voter registration, they want to expand it. Even as the mail gets less reliable, they want...

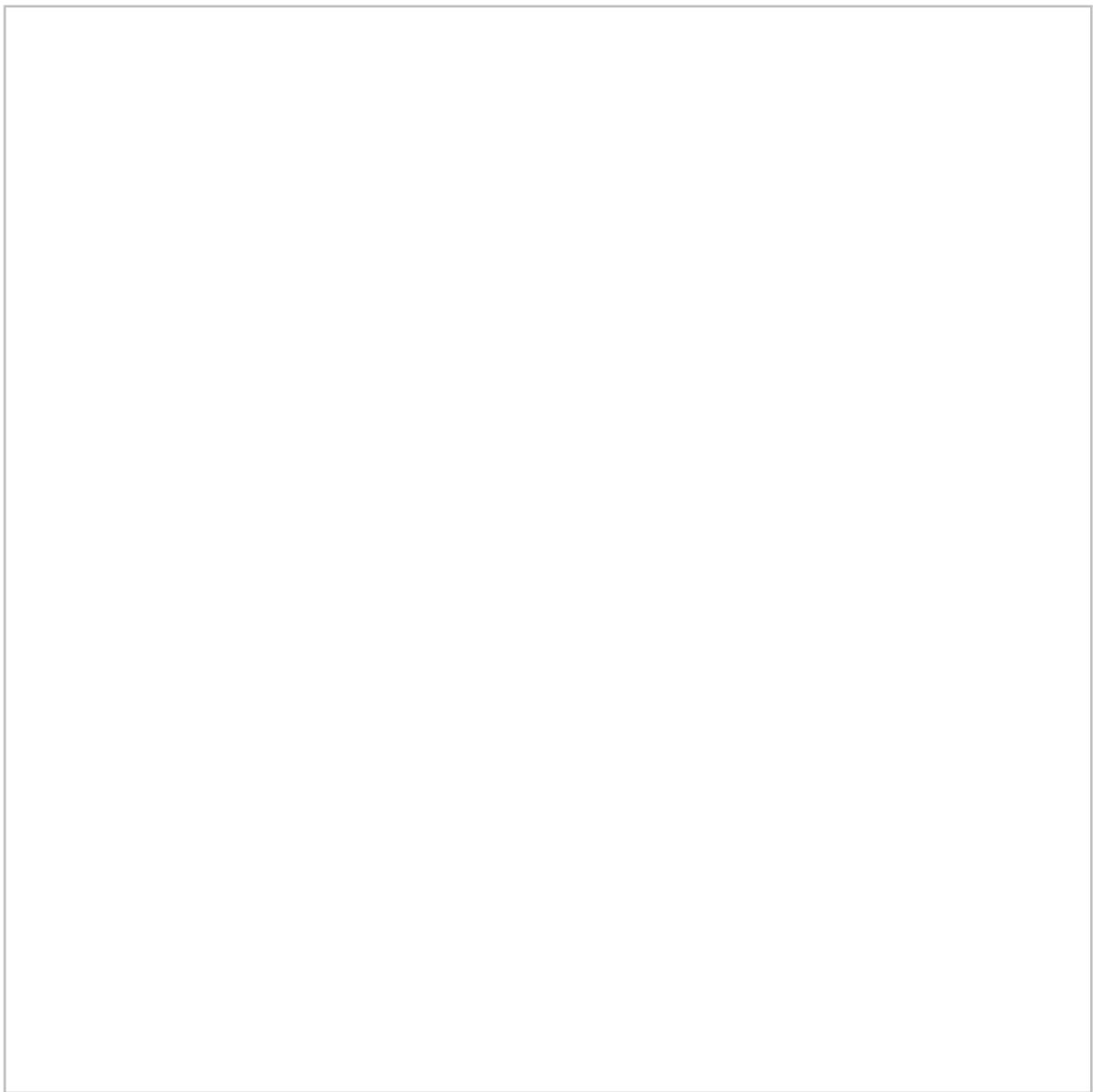


Summer In LA: Outdoor Theater, Movies, Living Pictures

Bob Gelfand

GELFAND'S WORLD-This summer, you can attend an outdoor movie screening at a real movie set, or you can watch films near the tomb of Rudolph Valentino. It's all part of our local history. Or, you can travel from one outdoor Shakespeare production to another, or from one outdoor music concert to the next. And then there is tableau vivant, which is a...





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CA Housing: A Political Football

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